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Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 6738th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Afghanistan

   Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security (S/2012/133)

Morning[1] . . . . . 6739th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber GA-TSC-01

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Sierra Leone

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Sierra Leone (S/2012/160)

Morning[2] . . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

Sierra Leone (S/2012/160)

Other matters

4.30 p.m. . . . . Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room GA-TSC-02

Briefing by the Department of Political Affairs (DPA)

Other matters

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 6738th meeting.
[2]To be held following the adjournment of the 6739th meeting.

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General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Interactive thematic debate on "Fostering cross-cultural understanding for building peaceful and inclusive societies"[1]

Opening

10 a.m. . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Moderator: Mr. Riz Khan, Al Jazeera English

Panel discussion 1: "Cross-cultural understanding for peace and development: What works?"

10.45 a.m. . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Panel discussion 2: "Youth as partners in advancing cross-cultural understanding: Best practices and challenges"

3 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Closing

5 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

[1] A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 15 March 2012, containing the concept note and the programme, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers..

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

20–22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

The special meeting, to establish the list of speakers for the debate in the plenary of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, to be held from Wednesday, 20, to Friday, 22 June 2012, in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/197 of 22 December 2011, will take place on Monday, 2 April 2012, at 3 p.m. in *Conference Room 2 (NLB)*.

Delegations who have not yet submitted their request for inscription on the list of speakers are kindly requested to communicate, *as soon as possible*, their level of participation, *in writing*, and hand-delivered to the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room *IN-0613A*).

For further information, please contact Ms. Meriem Heddache (e-mail heddachem@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063).

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10–11.30 a.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013: Standards of accommodation for air travel (A/66/676 and A/66/739))

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013: Feasibility study: United Nations Headquarters long-term accommodation (A/66/349 and A/66/7/Add.3 (Chap.V)))

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5 (NLB)

Informal consultations on:

Agenda item 132 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Accountability (A/66/692, A/66/738, A/66/710, A/66/710/Add.1, A/66/380, A/66/380/Add.1, A/65/788 and A/65/788/Add.1))

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 7th meeting Conference Room 1 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. 8th meeting Conference Room 1 (NLB)

Recommendations to the Conference on all relevant matters, including the draft agenda, draft rules of procedure, draft final documents, background documentation, and nominations for President and Secretary-General of the Conference [10]

[Official documents, background information and other materials for the Preparatory Committee can be found at <www.poa-iss.org/RevCon2/>. Please *click here* to consult the list of side events.]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10 (NLB)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10 (NLB)

1. Support account for peacekeeping operations
2. Executive meeting

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee
One hundred and fourth session

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 2879th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant . . [10]

3–6 p.m. . . . . 2880th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4 (NLB)

Organizational and other matters . . . . . [4]

Working methods

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development

First round of informal informal negotiations on the zero draft of the outcome document

The Preparatory Committee will continue its first round of informal informal negotiations on the zero draft of the outcome document *today*, 22 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB); and *tomorrow*, 23 March, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

The zero draft of the outcome document and the schedule of subsequent consultations are available on the Rio+20 Web site <www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/>. Delegations are also advised that a password-protected Rio+20 e-discussion forum has been created to enable an exchange on the zero draft of the outcome document of the Conference. Delegations wishing to subscribe to the e-discussion forum are requested to contact the UNCSD secretariat (e-mail uncsd2012@un.org).

Background information on the session is available on the following Web site: <www.uncsd2012.org>. Please *click here* to consult the preliminary list of side events.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Twenty-ninth session

There will be closed meetings of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *today*, 22 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., at the Geographic Information System laboratories (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Other meetings

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Group of 77 (on the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development)

10.15 a.m.–12.45 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C (NLB)

3.15–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C (NLB)

Other activities

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Twelfth Infopoverty World Conference on "Who drives the digital revolution? Development through innovation" (co-organized by the United Nations Office for Partnerships, the Observatory for Cultural and Audiovisual Communication, the European Parliament Information Office, the European Commission Office in Milan and the Infopoverty Institute, University of Oklahoma)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information please contact Ms. Elena Pasqualini (e-mail guest6u@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1000).]

Special event on "From World Water Day 2012 on the theme 'Water and food security' to the International Year of Water Cooperation 2013" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Tajikistan, in cooperation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and UN-Water)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in *Conference Room 3 (NLB).*

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Idibek Kalandarov, Permanent Mission of Tajikistan (e-mail tajikistan@un.int; tel. 1 (212) 207-3315).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.shtml>.

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Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium

11 a.m. . . . . Mr. Rolf Luyendijk, Senior Statistics and Monitoring Specialist, Statistics and Monitoring Section, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF); Dr. Ania Grobicki, Executive Secretary, Global Water Partnership; Ms. Ana Persic, Science Programme Specialist, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); and H.E. Mr. Csaba Körösi, Permanent Representative of Hungary (on the occasion of World Water Day)

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Second floor stakeout (NLB)

11 a.m.[1] . . . . . H.E. Mr. Gonzalo de Benito Secades, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of Spain

[1] Approximately.

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

The sixty-seventh session will convene at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 18 September 2012, at 3 p.m., and the general debate will open on Tuesday, 25 September. The high-level meeting on the rule of law at the national and international levels will be held on Monday, 24 September.

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/67/50. A draft programme of work of the plenary will be issued in July.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-sixth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/66/251. Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only. Further information may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-2332 or 1 (917) 367-5895; or by e-mailing at gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org.

Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 27 March 2012

General Assembly

Sixty-sixth session

Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly

3 p.m. . . . . 1st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Report of the Secretary-General (A/66/730)

[A letter from President of the General Assembly, dated 8 March 2012, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

The Fifth Committee will hold its 30th meeting on Friday, 23 March 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) concerning Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities

Briefing

The Ombudsperson of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) concerning Al-Qaida and associated individuals and entities, Ms. Kimberly Prost, will hold an open briefing for interested Member States, on Thursday, 29 March 2012, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

At the briefing, the Ombudsperson will provide an update on the work of her office after twenty months of operation, and she will also describe the implementations of the new aspects of her mandate, which were strengthened, pursuant to the adoption of Security Council resolution 1989 (2011).

The Ombudsperson looks forward to this mutually beneficial dialogue with Member States and will be pleased to answer any questions that representatives of Member States may wish to raise at this briefing.

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development
Third intersessional meeting

The third open-ended informal intersessional meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development will be held on Monday, 26, and Tuesday, 27 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB). As this meeting is an informal one, no formal list of speakers will be maintained or opened for pre-inscription. Members of permanent missions, United Nations staff, and representatives of intergovernmental organizations and major groups are invited to attend. Background information on the session is available on the following Web site: <www.uncsd2012.org>. Please *click here* to consult the preliminary list of side events.

The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) will be servicing the third intersessional meeting in a PaperSmart way. Delegations and participants attending the meeting are encouraged to carry their mobile devices, including tablets, to avail themselves of the PaperSmart Portal[1]. The Portal is available for delegations participating in the third intersessional meeting of the Preparatory Committee, at the following address: <http://papersmart.un.org>. For further information, please contact the ISPS Secretariat (e-mail papersmart@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-2025).

[1]The Portal is an initiative of the Integrated Sustainable PaperSmart Services (ISPS) Secretariat, Meetings and Publishing Division, DGACM. Application development and hosting for the Portal are provided by the Office of Information and Communications Technology, Department of Management, with branding and graphic design provided by the Graphic Design Unit, Outreach Division, Department of Public Information.

South-South cooperation for development

High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation
Informal meeting

The Bureau of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation will hold an informal meeting on Monday, 26 March 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB). The purpose of the meeting is to brief Member States on the preparations for the seventeenth session of the High-level Committee (22–25 May 2012), especially on the draft framework of operational guidelines on South-South cooperation, and to seek their comments. As this meeting is being held on an informal basis, no formal list of speakers will be maintained or opened for pre-inscription. Members of permanent missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Cosmas Gitta, secretariat of the High-level Committee (e-mail cosmas.gitta@undp.org).

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold its 340th meeting on Tuesday, 27 March 2012, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB). Ms. Hanan Ashrawi, member of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and member of the Palestinian Legislative Council, will brief on the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and developments in the political process. All permanent missions and permanent observer missions, as well as interested non-governmental organizations, are invited to attend. The meeting will be open to the media.

Disarmament Commission
2012 substantive session

The 2012 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission will be held from Monday, 2, to Friday, 20 April 2012. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 2 April, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4 (NLB). The Secretariat would appreciate it if delegations could communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, DGACM (e-mail leong@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*, the names of representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Commission.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-second session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-second session at Headquarters from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 June 2012.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, inter alia, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 18 May 2012*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council

Annual ministerial review global preparatory meeting

The Economic and Social Council will hold a global preparatory meeting for the annual ministerial review (AMR) at the high-level segment of its 2012 substantive session, on Tuesday, 3 April 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

The meeting will be chaired by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Miloš Koterec (Slovakia). The Council will hear a keynote address by Professor Erik Brynjolfsson, Sloan School of Management, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, followed by a presentation by Mr. José Antonio Alonso, member of the Committee on Development Policy, and Director, Complutense Institute of Foreign Studies (ICEI), and Professor of Applied Economics, Complutense University of Madrid.

There will also be a panel discussion on "Promoting the implementation of the Global Jobs Pact". Panellists will include Mr. Aurelio Parisotto, Senior Economist, Policy Integration Department, International Labour Organization (ILO) Office for the United Nations, New York; Ms. Eve Crowley, Deputy Director, Gender, Equity and Rural Employment Division, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); and Mr. Degol Hailu, Senior Adviser, Poverty Practice, Bureau for Development Policy, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

All are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Ms. Midori Kanda (e-mail kandam@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3268).

Resumed organizational session for 2012

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of its subsidiary bodies on Thursday, 26, and Friday, 27 April 2012. The agenda for the session is contained in document E/2012/2/Add.1*.

The deadline for submission of candidatures, established by the Bureau of the Council, is *Friday, 6 April 2012*. Delegations wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch, with a copy to Ms. Sangeeta Sharma and Ms. Celia Syyap (e-mails sharma7@un.org and syyap@un.org).

The Chairs of the regional groups for the current month are kindly invited to inform the Secretariat of candidatures which may be forthcoming from their groups.

A list of candidates for these elections, as well as supporting documentation, is available on Candiweb. The supporting documentation is also available at the following address: <www.un.org/en/ecosoc/docs/insessiondocs.asp>.

Commission on Population and Development

Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft proposals of the Commission on Population and Development, convened by the Vice-Chair, Mr. Pio Wennubst, on behalf of the Chair, will be held on Wednesday 28 March 2012, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB). The consultations will begin with a presentation of the Chair's draft resolution on the special theme of the forty-fifth session, followed by an orientation on the organization of the negotiation process. The floor will be open for general comments from delegates on these matters.

Forty-fifth session

The forty-fifth session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 23, to Friday, 27 April 2012. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 23 April, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document E/CN.9/2012/2 and the proposed organization of work, in document E/CN.9/2012/L.1. Background information and official documents for the session may be found at the following address: <www.un.org/esa/population/cpd/cpd2012/cpd45.htm>.

List of participants

Members of the Commission and observers wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room IN-613C; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Member States that are not members of the Commission and other observers are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Only those observers who indicate their participation *by Wednesday, 18 April 2012*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 2 (NLB), on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

List of speakers

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: adolescents and youth), will be held from Monday, 23, to Wednesday, 25 April 2012. The speakers list will be opened in the week beginning Monday, 26 March.

Election of the Bureau of the forty-sixth session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its forty-sixth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-fifth session.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Eastern European Group (monthly meeting)

Monday, 26 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) (on State to State, State to investor, and commercial arbitration; and the procedures and implications involved)

Monday, 26 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (informal meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia: Working Group 4 (under the chairmanship of Egypt)

Wednesday, 28 March 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (eleventh plenary meeting) (under the chairmanship of the United Arab Emirates)

Thursday, 29 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Wednesday, 28 March 2012, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

Latin American and Caribbean Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 30 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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UNITAR forum on "Opportunities and challenges for a green economy"

Friday, 23 March 2012, from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2 to 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room A (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For registration, please visit <www.unitar.org/event/>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Special events on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (25 March) on the theme "Honouring the heroes, resisters, and survivors" (General Assembly resolution 62/122 (A/RES/62/122)) (co-organized by the Caribbean Community and the African Group, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information)

[Details on the activities on the occasion of the International Day can be found at <www.un.org/en/events/slaveryremembranceday/>.]

DPI/NGO briefing on "The transatlantic slave trade: Honouring the heroes, resisters, and survivors"

Friday, 23 March 2012, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Gail Bindley-Taylor, DPI (e-mail sainte@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9380).]

Opening of an exhibit and cultural event

Tuesday, 27 March 2012, from 6 to 8.30 p.m., in the Main Gallery, Visitors' Lobby of the Secretariat Building.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Jan Arnesen, DPI (e-mail arnesen@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8531); or Ms. Maria Felisa Wichmann, DPI (e-mail wichmann@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0089).]

Screening of the film "Slavery by another name: The re-enslavement of black people in America from the Civil War to World War II"

Wednesday, 28 March 2012, from 6.30 to 9 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Geraldine Harris Adams, DPI (e-mail adamsg@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6981).]

Global student videoconference

Friday, 30 March 2012, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. William Yotive, DPI (e-mail yotive@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1400).]

High-level briefing on "Broadening the concept of peacekeeping: The contribution of civil society to unarmed protection of civilians" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Belgium, Benin, Costa Rica and the Philippines)

Friday, 23 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Hanna Choa-Yu, Permanent Mission of the Philippines (e-mail hannachoayu@hotmail.com).]

Meeting on "The mountain agenda and Rio+20" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Nepal, in cooperation with the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) and the Mountain Partnership Secretariat (MPS))

Monday, 26 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room C (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Dilli Acharya, Permanent Mission of Nepal (e-mail dpacharya@hotmail.com; tel. 1 (646) 371-2748).]

UNITAR seminar on "Outlook for the 2012 NPT Preparatory Committee" (organized in cooperation with the Permanent Missions of Australia and Egypt)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012, from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Permanent Mission of Egypt (304 East 44th Street).

[All are invited to attend. For registration, please visit <www.unitar.org/event/>. For further information, please contact Mr. Felix Haass, UNITAR (e-mail felix.haass@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021).]

Women's International Forum on "From the current crises to possible futures" (sponsored by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1 (NLB).

[Delegates and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. Please *click here* for further information.]

Panel discussion on "The freedom of expression and the Human Rights Committee's general comment No. 34 (CCPR/C/GC/34)" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Kenya, the Netherlands and Uruguay)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Roos Petersen, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands (e-mail roos.petersen@minbuza.nl; tel. 1 (212) 519-9609).]

Consultation with Member States on "Treaty body strengthening" (organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Monday, 2, and Tuesday 3 April 2012, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[The meeting is open to all permanent missions and permanent observer missions. For further information, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR, New York (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504); or Ms. Natacha Foucard, OHCHR, Geneva (e-mail nfoucard@ohchr.org).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English (French and Spanish), on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Today, 22 March 2012 *(English)*;

Wednesday, 11 April 2012 *(English)*;

Wednesday, 18 April 2012 *(Spanish)*; and

Wednesday, 25 April 2012 (*French)*.

Official Document System (ODS) (from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012; and

Thursday, 17 April 2012.

Introduction to the Map Collection (from 3 to 4.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 27 March 2012;

Thursday, 29 March 2012;

Tuesday, 24 April 2012; and

Thursday, 26 April 2012.

Researching using non-United Nations databases (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 29 March 2012.

Overview of the Legal Library (from 3 to 4 p.m.)

Wednesday, 4 April 2012.

Introduction to Electronic Resources (from 10 a.m. to 12 noon)

Thursday, 12 April 2012.

Treaty research (from 3 to 5 p.m.)

Thursday, 19 April 2012.

RSS Feeds (from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.)

Tuesday, 24 April 2012.

Social Networking 101: A User Guide to the United Nations Library's Social Media Tools (from 10 to 11.30 a.m.)

Thursday, 26 April 2012.

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered.

The first round of language-specific informational meetings for 2012 will be held in April, in Conference Room A (NLB), according to the following schedule:

Tuesday, 10 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Arabic*

Tuesday, 10 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Chinese*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *English*

Wednesday, 11 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *French*

Thursday, 12 April, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: *Russian*

Thursday, 12 April, from 3 to 6 p.m.: *Spanish*

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to remind all States parties to the international human rights treaties that the rules of procedure of all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to a meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in advance of a meeting and the Secretariat continues to receive numerous obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. In order to assist delegations with ensuring the timely submission of credentials, advance notice is given of the following meetings of States parties in 2012:

Thirty-first Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1 May 2012)
<www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrc/elections31st.htm>;

Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (26 June 2012)
<www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/cedaw/elections2012.htm>;

Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (6 September 2012);

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (12–14 September 2012); and

Fourteenth Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (18 December 2012).

All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting, in order to ensure the smooth running of the elections. Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Credentials for the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should be sent to the secretariat of the

Conference in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Credentials for all other meetings should be sent to OHCHR in New York. For any clarifications, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292; room DC1-504).

Kindly take note that all elections for the Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights, including those scheduled to take place in April 2012, are organized by the secretariat of the Economic and Social Council, not by OHCHR. All queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Celia Syyap, Economic and Social Affairs Branch, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) (e-mail syyap@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0906).

Please note also that OHCHR is not responsible for the Human Rights Council elections. Queries related to these elections should be addressed to Ms. Mary Muturi, General Assembly Affairs Branch, DGACM (e-mail muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2337).

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 21 March 2012

Security Council

6736th meeting

The situation in the Middle East

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Council adopted a statement by the President on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2012/6).

6737th meeting

Non-proliferation

Briefing by the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Council heard a briefing by H.E. Mr. Néstor Osorio, Permanent Representative of Colombia, in his capacity as Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006).

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, France, India, China, Germany, Azerbaijan, South Africa, Pakistan, the Russian Federation, Portugal, Morocco, Guatemala and Togo, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of the United Kingdom.

H.E. Mr. Osorio responded to comments.

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

5th meeting

Thematic debate . . . . . [7]

The Preparatory Committee continued its thematic debate and heard statements by the representatives of Jamaica, in his national capacity (and on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Israel, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Australia, Argentina, Cuba, Belgium, Chad, New Zealand, Kenya, Switzerland, the Philippines, the United States, Nigeria, Trinidad and Tobago, Mexico, Algeria, the Russian Federation, China South Africa, Morocco, France, Colombia and Ghana.

Statements were made by the representatives of the European Union, the African Union, the International Criminal Police Organization and the Regional Centre on Small Arms and Light Weapons in the Great Lakes Region, the Horn of Africa and Bordering States.

6th meeting

Election of other officers . . . . . 3]

The Preparatory Committee elected Indonesia, by acclamation, as Vice-Chair.

Thematic debate . . . . . [7]

The Preparatory Committee resumed its thematic debate and heard statements by the representatives of the Niger, Israel and Côte d'Ivoire.

Statements were made by the representatives of the East African Community and the Organization of American States.

Statements were made by representatives of the following non-governmental organizations: International Action Network on Small Arms; International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War; Defense Small Arms Advisory Council; World Forum on the Future of Sport Shooting Activities; and Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers' Institute.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Accession: Micronesia (Federated States of) (21 March 2012)[1]

Convention on Cluster Munitions. Dublin, 30 May 2008

Ratification: Honduras (21 March 2012)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General Information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2012* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Zimbabwe
H.E. Mr. Chitsaka Chipaziwa

Asia-Pacific States:
Micronesia (Federated States of)
H.E. Mrs. Jane Chigiyal

Eastern European States:
Albania
H.E. Mr. Ferit Hoxha

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Grenada
H.E. Ms. Dessima Williams

Western European and other States:
San Marino
H.E. Mr. Daniele Bodini

Security Council

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
<www.un.org/en/sc/ctc/>

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<www.un.org/en/development/desa/index.html>

Economic and Social Council
<www.un.org/en/ecosoc/>

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